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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U S
WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., A
COLORADO CORPORTION, FOR A HEARING
TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS OF THE
COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF THE
COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO
FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RATE OF
RETURN THEREON AND TO APPROVE RATE
SCHEDULES

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-99-0105

**AMENDED RATE CASE
PROCEDURAL ORDER****BY THE COMMISSION:**

On January 8, 1999, U S West Communications, Inc. ("U S West" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") a rate application.

On February 26, 1999, the Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") of the Commission filed a letter indicating that U S West's rate application was sufficient and classifying the utility as a Class A utility.

Our March 4, 1999 Procedural Order set the hearing and dates to file testimony.

On August 11, 1999, Staff filed a Motion for an Extension of the Dates for Filing Testimony and Hearing ("Motion"). According to Staff, the Commission soon will be issuing an Order in Docket No. T-01051B-97-0689 ("Depreciation Docket") establishing new depreciation rates for U S West. Staff opined that it would be less confusing and more productive if the new depreciation rates that were ultimately adopted were reflected in U S West's schedules before the parties filed their initial testimony. In addition, Staff indicated a second consultant has recently been hired to evaluate whether a form of alternative regulation would be appropriate for U S West. Staff's second consultant needs additional time for discovery and analysis.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that our March 4, 1999 Procedural Order is hereby amended as follows:

Staff Testimony/Exhibits

October 25, 1999

Intervenors Testimony/Exhibits

October 25, 1999

Rebuttal Testimony/Exhibits

November 19, 1999

Surrebuttal Testimony/Exhibits

December 17, 1999

Rejoinder Testimony/Exhibits

December 30, 1999

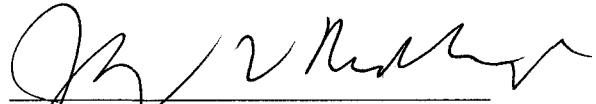
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing currently scheduled for November 4, 1999 is hereby continued until January 10, 2000 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that public comments will still be heard on November 4, 1999.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other dates established in our March 4, 1999 Procedural Order remain in full force and effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

DATED this 17th day of August, 1999.


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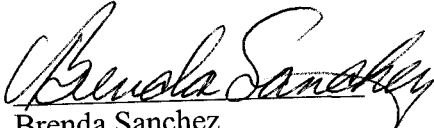
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